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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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1. FROM TALKS HERE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND MINISTERS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PEREZ-GUERRERO, OF AGRICULTURE ALVAREZ YEPES AND OF PLANNING RODRIGUEZ AND WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TME AND THEIR SUBORDINATES, IMPRESSION IS LEFT THAT THIS NEW GOVERNMENT STILL ALMOST ENTIRELY UNINFORMED ABOUT WFC. AS IN BRAZIL, THEIR POLICY IS TO GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURE. PURPOSE IS TO INCREASE FOOD INDEPENDENCE AND TO REDUCE MIGRATION TO CITIES BUT HAVE NO SPECIFIC PLAN AS YET FOR DOING SO APART FROM GENERAL INTEREST IN INCREASING LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION. PROGRESS INHIBITED BY DEEP LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN EFFICIENCY OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WHICH IT SEEMS INTENTION TO BYPASS BY SETTING UP NEW AGENCIES.

2. MIN. OF PLANNING MUCH INTERESTED IN NUTRITION NEEDS AS GUIDE TO FOOD PRODUCTION PLANNING, IN IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION EDUCATION, IN NEED FOR PROFIT INCENTIVES TO PERSUADE FARMERS TO INVEST IN INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY, AND IN NEED FOR SOIL RESEARCH BEFORE ATTEMPTING INCREASE

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USE OF FERTILIZERS. HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO STRESS THESE POINTS AT NEXT MEETING OF PREPCOM AS OF GENERAL VALUE. HE SAID WAS INTENT IN FURTHER EXPANDING UREA CAPACITY BUT NO SPECIFIC PLANS YET.

3. PEREZ-GUERRERO ACCEPTED IDEA THAT 77 SHOULD BE AS INTERESTED IN ACCESS TO SUPPLY FOR FOODS AS IN ACCESS TO MARKETS.
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